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I. AMENDMENT AND

II. RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED APRIL 23, 2002

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants respectfully submit a Response to the Official Action mailed April 23, 2002 (the "Action"). A response to the Action is due on July 23, 2002. A request for a two-month extension of time to respond is included herewith along with the required fee. This one-month extension will bring the due date to September 23, 2002, which is within the six-month statutory period. Should such request or fee be deficient or absent, consider this paragraph such a request and authorization to withdraw the appropriate fee under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 from Fulbright